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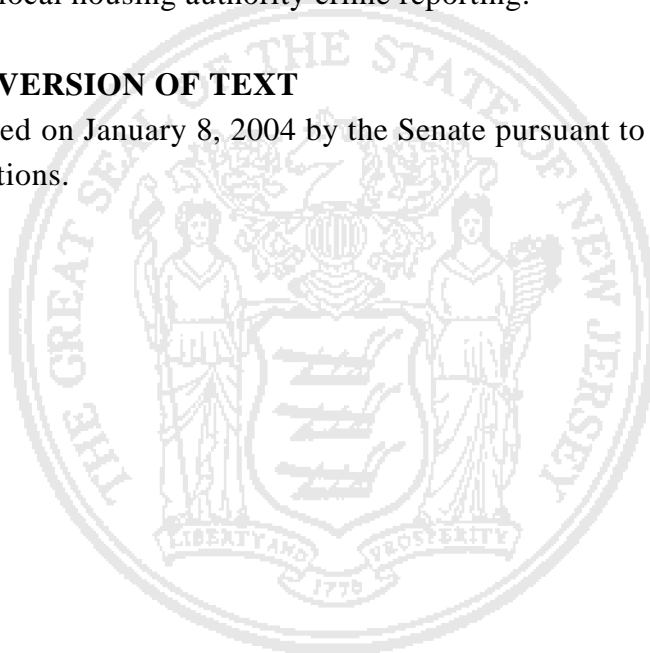
**District 23 (Warren and Hunterdon)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Concerns local housing authority crime reporting.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended on January 8, 2004 by the Senate pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/24/2003)

1 AN ACT requiring local housing authorities and the Commissioner of  
 2 Community Affairs to report certain information to the Legislature,  
 3 supplementing chapter 27D of Title 52 of the New Jersey Statutes  
 4 and amending P.L.1992, c.79.

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 6 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
 7 *of New Jersey:*

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 9 1. (New section) a. Not later than <sup>1</sup>[July] September<sup>1</sup> 1st of each  
 10 year, the executive director of a housing authority created pursuant to  
 11 the "Local Housing Authorities Law," P.L.1938, c.19 (C.55:14A-1 et  
 12 seq.) or the "Local Redevelopment and Housing Law," P.L.1992, c.79  
 13 (C.40A:12A-1 et seq.) <sup>1</sup>and the owner of a property consisting of 10  
 14 or more rental units receiving project-based federal section 8 rental  
 15 assistance, hereinafter "project-based housing,"<sup>1</sup> shall report to the  
 16 Commissioner of Community Affairs, on a form prepared and provided  
 17 by the commissioner for this purpose, the number and type of violent  
 18 crimes <sup>1</sup>, as those crimes are delineated in the most recently issued  
 19 Uniform Crime Report, published by the Department of Law and  
 20 Public Safety,<sup>1</sup> and drug offenses <sup>1</sup>, as those offenses are enumerated  
 21 in the "Comprehensive Drug Reform Act of 1987," N.J.S.2C:35-1 et  
 22 al., involving the use, possession, manufacture, dispensing or  
 23 distribution of a controlled dangerous substance, controlled dangerous  
 24 substance analog or drug paraphernalia,<sup>1</sup> committed on property  
 25 owned by the housing authority <sup>1</sup>[and property for which the housing  
 26 authority provided rental assistance] or committed on project-based  
 27 housing, respectively,<sup>1</sup> at any time during the <sup>1</sup>[twelve months  
 28 immediately preceding the report] preceding State fiscal year<sup>1</sup>. The  
 29 report shall also include the amount expended by the housing authority  
 30 <sup>1</sup>or the project-based housing entity<sup>1</sup> for drug elimination and crime  
 31 prevention and control.

32 b. Not later than January 1st of each year, the commissioner shall  
 33 prepare and distribute to each member of the Legislature a report  
 34 displaying all of the information reported by each housing authority  
 35 <sup>1</sup>and project-based housing entity required to report under this act<sup>1</sup>.  
 36 The report shall also assimilate and analyze the information reported  
 37 by each housing authority <sup>1</sup>and project-based housing entity required  
 38 to report under this act<sup>1</sup>.

39 c. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations  
 40 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act pursuant to the  
 41 provisions of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410

**EXPLANATION** - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations January 8, 2004.

1 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), not later than the 90th day following the  
2 effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
3 as this bill).

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5 2. Section 45 of P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-45) is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 45. The Commissioner of Community Affairs shall prescribe and  
8 enforce standards for the curriculum and administration of a course of  
9 study as he deems appropriate, the object of which shall be to assist  
10 members and executive directors of local housing authorities and  
11 municipal redevelopment agencies to acquire the knowledge and skills  
12 necessary to oversee and administer the operations of such authorities  
13 or agencies in accordance with current law and in the best interests of  
14 the citizens served by such authorities. The commissioner shall adopt  
15 the standards by administrative rule, pursuant to the provisions of the  
16 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
17 seq.).

18 The course shall consist of instruction in the principles of housing  
19 and redevelopment, which may include, but not be limited to,  
20 construction management and code compliance, financial management  
21 and public administration, and such other topics as the commissioner  
22 may deem appropriate. The commissioner shall, to the greatest extent  
23 possible, cooperate with organizations of housing authority  
24 representatives and redevelopment agency representatives, and shall  
25 consult with Rutgers, The State University, and other educational  
26 institutions in establishing the standards for the curriculum and  
27 administration of the course of study, as provided above. The course  
28 shall also include information concerning strategies for drug  
29 elimination and crime prevention and control and the use of drug  
30 elimination funds.

31 (cf: P.L.1992, c.79, s.45)

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33 3. This act shall take effect 180 days following enactment;  
34 however, subsection c. of section 1 shall take effect immediately.